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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

HULL ET AL.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on amendment filed on October 23, 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 20-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 20-32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, see pages 6-7, filed on October 23, 2007, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 20-32 under 35 USC 103(a) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Freeman et al (US Publication No. 2007/0260980).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 20-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Freeman et al (US Publication No. 2007/0260980).

Concerning claims 1 and 25, Freeman et al discloses an email server for performing unconscious archiving of electronic documents in a network environment, wherein electronic documents are transferred over a network coupling at least one client computer and at least one document

management workstation having at least one database disposed to receive electronic copies of said documents for archiving, the at least one document management workstation being in communication with at least one of a copy, print, and facsimile operation (Abstract; paragraphs 0012-0015, 0033-0037, 0046) said server operatively disposed to: collect electronic image data of each and every email document in a plurality of email documents transmitted over the network in response to a single user input command, the electronic image data being a copy of each and every email document transmitted over the network (40, 50 or 80, Fig.1; paragraphs 0036-0039, 0051-0052); cause said image data to be stored in the at least one database (paragraphs 0075-0076) to perform the unconscious capture archiving, wherein the at least one database further comprises image data from unconscious capture archiving of electronic document images from the at least one of a copy, print, and facsimile operation, wherein the aforementioned steps are carried out transparent to the user and without further input from the user notwithstanding the single user input command, and the aforementioned steps capture electronic document images of the plurality of email documents transferred over the network (Fig.1; paragraphs 0012-0015, 0033, 0036-0039, 0046, 0051, 0065, 0075-0076, 0081, 0085-0087, 0096-0098, 0101-0105).

Concerning claim 21, Freeman et al further teaches the email server of claim 20, wherein the at least one of the copy, print, and facsimile operation comprises at least one of a copier operation, printer operation, and facsimile machine operation (40, 50 and 80, Fig.1) that archived image data for at least one of the copier operation, printer operation, and facsimile machine operation (paragraphs 0051, 0052, 0062-0065, 0075-0076, 0085-0086).

Claims 22 and 29 are method claims of apparatus claims 1 and 25. Claims 22 and 29 are rejected for the same rationales set forth for claims 1 and 25.

Concerning claim 23-24, 26-28 and 30-32, Freeman et al further teaches the method of claims 22 and 29, wherein causing the collected image data of every email to be stored comprises storing at least one of an origin address and destination address for an email (paragraphs 0096-0098), (claim 23); causing the collected image data of every email to be stored comprises storing at least one of a date of transmission and time of transmission for an email (Figs.4-5; Abstract; paragraphs 0001, 0033, 0034, 0036, 0058, 0072, 0086), (claim 24); the destination comprises a destination client system (paragraphs 0019, 0032, 0046-0047), (claims 26, 30); the email document comprises an email document that was at least one of received and sent (paragraphs 0037, 0038, 0051, 0085-0086, 0105), (claims 27 and 31); the at least one database is configured to store image data that was archived from at least a copier operation, a printer operation and a facsimile machine operation (paragraphs 0051, 0052, 0062-0065, 0075-0076, 0085-0086), (claims 28, 32).

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Bownam-Amuah (US Patent No. 6,370,573) discloses a system with archiving operations.

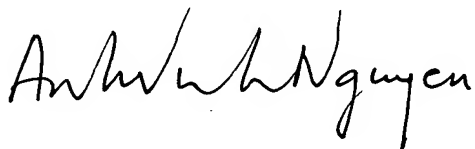
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward L. Coles can be reached on 571 272-7402. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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